Dr. V.S. Arunachalam	President and Chief Executive Officer	Distinguished Services Professor, Department of Engineering and Public Policy, Department of Materials Science and Engineering, Robotics Institute, Carnegie Mellon University.

IUNet is a special purpose vehicle established by CMU as a Subsidiary for this joint venture. It is a 100% subsidiary of GUNet, which is a 100% subsidiary of CMU. Capitalization of IUNet will be done ensuring CMU retains majority voting rights in IUNet for a period of five years from the signing of Joint Venture agreement regarding Sankhya Vahini India Limited.

(e) Doesn't arise in view of (c) & (d) above.

Revenue shortfall in DoT

3244. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 10 present revenue shortfall is estimated in the operations of Department of Telecommnications in the current Financial year;

(b) if so, what are the factors responsible for this shortfall; and

(c) whether this trend is likely to continue in the next financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) (a) Available data indicate that reduction in revenue of the Department of Telecome services (including MTNL) due to tariff re-balancing in the financial year 1999-2000 is likely to be approx. Rs. 2,000 crores.

(b) The shortfall is due to introduction of new tariff structure by TRAI.

(c) The trend of revenue shortfall attributable to tariff rebalancing is likely to continue in the financial year 2000-2001.

Decrease in the number of VSNL subscribers

3245. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state: